



2019 PINOT NOIR RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY KLOPP RANCH VINEYARD

Klopp Ranch is a well-known vineyard that produces stellar wines year after year. The older blocks of vines, planted in the late 1980s, were selected by Ted Klopp in consultation with our founder, Merry Edwards. The long association we have had with Ted and now his daughter, Lauren, has allowed us to produce this fan favorite under our brand since 1999. The 2019 vintage was grown under mild conditions and the resulting wine is classic Klopp: Aromatic, approachable and a pure pleasure to drink!

VINTAGE

The first aromas drifting up from the glass are filled with baking spice, cocoa and red berries. The palate is ripe with sweet tannins, yet restrained by an earthy component containing notes of crushed stone, cedar and bramble. In the background, toasty oak mingles with juicy cherry, black plum, and other red and black fruit on the sustained finish.

PAIRING

Lamb and Pinot Noir make a great match, particularly if you are creating a menu for a special meal. Winemaker Heidi von der Mehden's family likes to enjoy lamb for their Easter dinner. Her *Herb-Crusted Leg of Lamb* is a classic preparation, and the spicy, earthy yet juicy Klopp Ranch is a perfect pairing with this rich and succulent main course. Find this recipe at merryedwards.com.